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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 417

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES PORT VISIT POLICY

REF: STATE 161670

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT FEEL USN SHIP VISITS TO SEYCHELLES SHOULD NECESSARILY BE RESTRICTED TO ONE VESSEL. IN YEAR SINCE INDEPENDENCE, BRITISH, FRENCH AND IRANIANS HAVE HAD MULTI-SHIP VISITS.

2. MOST IMPORTANT LIMITING FACTOR IS TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL EMBARKED ON VISITING SHIP(S). VICTORIA AND MAHE ISLAND NOT CAPABLE OF EASILY ABSORBING MORE THAN COMPLEMENTS OF TWO DESTROYER-TYPE VESSELS. IF CUMLATIVE DAILY LIBERTY PARTY WERE TO EXCEED APPROXIMATELY 500 MEN (OR IF SHIPS OF OTHER NATIONS IN PORT AT SAME TIME) BELIEVE POLICE MIGHT SEEK IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS.

3. IN PAST, FOREIGN NAVIES HAVE MADE UNEVENTFUL ONE SHIP VISITS OF 3/4 DAYS TO ISLAND OF PRASLIN, 28 MILES FROM MAHE. IF VISIT BY MORE THAN 2 USN SHIPS BEING CONSIDERED, STATE AND DOD MAY WISH TO EXPLORE POSSIBLITY OF DIVERTING ONE VESSEL TO LIMIT NUMBERS ASHORE ON MAHE AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATELY MODEST PROFILE IN AND AROUND VICTORIA.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS AVAILABLE, ON
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NUMBER OF SHIPS AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN CONTEMPLATED OCTOBER 1977 AND MARCH 1978 VISITS.
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